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MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD


SUBJECT : COMIREX Report on High-Altitude Photographic
Coverage of Cuba, 25 November 1968 -
19 January 1969

REFERENCE : USIB-D-41.14/305 (COMOR-D-24/203),
10 January 1967, Limited Distribution

1. Attached is the Committee on Imagery Requirements and Exploitation (COMIREX) report on high-altitude photographic coverage of Cuba for the period 25 November 1968 - 19 January 1969, which is circulated for the information of the United States Intelligence Board (USIB).

2. COMIREX advises that the USIB requirement for 90% area coverage and for target category sampling over this 56-day period was fulfilled. Also during this period no activity was observed indicating re-introduction or deployment of offensive weapon systems in Cuba.

3. It is not planned to schedule this report on the USIB agenda for discussion unless specifically requested by a Board Member to do so prior to close of business on 3 February. In the absence of such a request, it will be considered for record purposes that USIB "noted" the subject report on that date.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: United States Intelligence Board

SUBJECT : COMIREX Report on High-Altitude Photographic Coverage of Cuba, 25 November 1968 - 20 JANUARY - 19 January 1969 16 MARCH 1969

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1. The current USIB requirement for GLASS LAMP coverage of Cuba calls for a report on the percentage of area coverage and the achievement against the requirement for target category sampling over a 56-day period. The attached tables show the number of missions flown and the percentage of success against the area coverage requirement as well as the target sampling average for a two week period. The current report is for the period

25 November 1968 - 19 January 1969.

20 JANUARY - 16 MARCH 1969.

2. During this period no activity was observed which might indicate an attempt to reintroduce or deploy offensive weapon systems in Cuba.

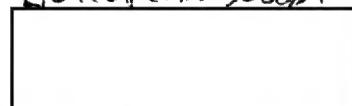
3. The concentration of effort on 20, 21, and 22 December was the result of a reported build-up of Cuban military activity at the eastern end of the island, partially confirmed by a GLASS LAMP mission on 14 December. The Joint CIA-DIA-STATE Team to Assess Military Posture in Cuba as it Pertains to Strategic Weapons requested that GLASS LAMP attempt to monitor this activity. Following the 22 December mission, the Joint CIA-DIA-STATE Team completed its analysis of the new information and agreed to a general standdown from 23 December through 3 January so long as a mission could be launched within 36 hours if a requirement developed.

4. The USIB requirement was fulfilled and it is recommended that the Board note this report.

There was a standdown of from 17 February to 3 March 1969

3. GLASS LAMP Missions were ~~standdown~~ DURING

The period of President Nixon's EUROPEAN Trip.



Chairman

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TABLE I

Area Coverage. Goal: about 90% of the territory every 56 days.

~~20-31 January~~
~~25-30 November~~ Successful mission flown ~~25 November~~ ^{27, 28}
~~1-28 February~~
~~1-31 December~~ Successful missions flown ~~3, 5, 6, 14, 20, 21,~~ ^{4, 11 February}
~~22 December~~
~~1-16 March~~
~~1-19 January~~ Successful missions flown ~~8, 10, 14 January~~ ^{6, 8, 10, 12, 15}

Cumulative coverage achieved: ^{89%}
 93%

TABLE II

Target Coverage. Goal: a. Sampling in each category every two weeks.
 b. Reasonably complete coverage of all targets every 56 days

	<u>Targets</u>	<u>Two Week Sampling Average</u>	<u>Total Targets Coverage in Period *</u>
Missiles			
SAM Associated Installations	40 42	18	40 40 100% 95%
Other Missile-assoc. Install.	7	5 2	7 5 100% 71%
Airfields	15	6 5	15 15 100% 100%
Port Facilities	12 11	6 5	12 10 100% 90%
Radar/Electronic Facilities	22	12 9	22 20 100% 90%
Military	83 82	41 27	82 75 99% 91%
	179		165 99% 92%

* The mission flown on 15 March ^{has} not been reported.